

# **SOMERSET NURSERY SCHOOL**

## **ADMISSIONS POLICY**

At Somerset Nursery School we have adopted the Wandsworth Borough Council's admissions criteria.

### **Early Education in a maintained nursery school**

In the maintained sector, priority for places is given to older children who will be turning 4 during the school year, the school year starts in September and ends in the following July.

If there are places remaining after children have started, places will then be offered to younger children. These children will start nursery the school term after their third birthday. For example if a child is three in October they can start in January of the following year.

The basis on which applications are offered also takes into consideration the following prioritising factors:

1. Children looked after, or who have an allocated social worker who has provided written support of the application, residence order, child arrangements order or special guardianship order who were previously looked after by the Local Authority;
2. Children who are recommended for a place following an action plan by a multi-disciplinary group e.g. Team Around the Child (TAC). In some cases where there is a particular need, places can be given to children from the age of two and a half years old. These children will be eligible for two year old funding. An application form with a two year old eligibility code would need to be completed and places are offered by the Deputy Head at her discretion, based on the individual child's needs and circumstances.
- 3 Children with professionally supported educational, medical or social needs. Where these children may have specific special needs these places may be offered in-conjunction with a Local Authority Panel.
- 4 Children who live nearest to the school by a straight line between a home and the centre of the school site calculated by Wandsworth's Council Geographical Information System.

An application form must be completed in all cases which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website below.

[www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk)

## **Early Education Places**

All children in England are entitled to receive a good quality, part time Early Education place from 1 September, 1 January or 1 April following their third birthday. (At Somerset Nursery School, the Deputy Head may use her discretion to allocate places where appropriate. There is no right to appeal as the children are not of statutory age). This is known as the ‘Universal’ entitlement, (a part-time place).

Part-time places for three and four year olds are offered by the Deputy Head on an application basis. Places are either:

Morning sessions 9.15am to 11.45, and once the child is ready there is an option for a full day.) or;

Afternoon sessions 12.45pm to 3.15pm, and once the child is ready there is an option for one full day.)

## **Part Time places for 2 Year Olds**

Places for 2 year olds are offered at the Deputy Head’s discretion and priority for places is given to the eldest children. If there are places remaining after the older children have started, then places will be considered and offered to the younger children. Two year olds are entitled only to a part time morning or afternoon place, where 2 year old funding is available (once the child is two and a half). Alternatively, parents are able to pay. (Please see the section on paid places.)

## **Full time 30 hours Early Education**

Some working parents may be able to claim an additional 15 hours education per week for their child on top of the 15 universal hours, the term after their child turns three.

Parents must complete an application (as above) but also must be eligible for the ‘additional’ 15 hours of early education. For more information on the additional 15 hours, the 30 hour code and parental eligibility, please refer to the Government website ‘Childcare Choices’.

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## **Paid Places**

Where a parent is not eligible for Government funding, or a child isn’t yet old enough to qualify, there is an option for them to ‘top up’ or pay for a place. A parent can do this by paying a fee to Somerset Nursery School. This ‘Top Up’ is by way of a separate agreement between the School and the parent and a separate agreement would be signed.

A part-time place may only be offered to children from two and a half and will either be a morning or afternoon session depending on the resilience of the child.

A full-time place (30 hours) at Somerset Nursery School is for 5 days a week, 9.15am to 3.15pm.

Further details about the School can be found in the Somerset Nursery School Brochure (on display in the reception areas of the school, or on our website:

[www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.somerset.wandsworth.sch.uk)

Further information (about applying for places and admission arrangements for Wandsworth Borough Schools) can be found in ‘Choosing Early Education in Wandsworth’ available on the Wandsworth Borough website admissions page.

For further information about Early Years Education in Wandsworth, contact the:

Early Education and Childcare Places Team or Family Information Service (FIS)

Email: [eeep@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:eeep@wandsworth.gov.uk)

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